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# Weekly Views

PEN Products Director Mike Herron, along with Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR) Al Sheppard, presented Lean Six Sigma (LSS) to a National WebEx audience. Over 150 correctional industries professionals from 12 states attended the WebEx training session held by National Correctional Industries Association. Mr. Sheppard presented an overview of Lean Six Sigma and UNICOR's success using LSS methodology, while Mr. Herron discussed how PEN Products has used Lean Six Sigma to improve quality at the license plate shop at the Indiana State Prison.

New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) held a dedication ceremony at the Correctional Training Institute for the opening of the new 512-bed maximum security NCCF Annex. Approximately 140 guests attended the event and toured the new housing units. The first offenders are scheduled to arrive on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

IDOC Central Office collected a grand total of 1,040 cans for First Lady Cheri Daniels' Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers Food Drive. The IDOC IndiCANA Committee competed a can sculpture contest against other state agencies, taking third place for their covered bridge sculpture. Staff gathered to cheer on the team, who had 30 minutes to complete a sculpture using the cans they had collected throughout the month of February.

Putnamville Correctional Facility Secretary Peggy Wells and Correctional Counselor Richard McDonald, who have been employed with the Department for 19 and 30 years respectively, were presented with plaques in recognition of years of service during a retirement celebration held at the facility. Superintendent Stanley Knight expressed his appreciation for their years of distinguished service and staff extended their best wishes.

Ten members of the Grace Apostolic Church drama group from Indianapolis visited the Rockville Correctional Facility to present their Black History program entitled "The Talk". Based on a talk show format, the host "Amanda" interviewed actors who portrayed such greats as Carter Woodson, Harriet Tubman, Ruby Bridges, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and First Lady Michelle Obama. Many of the 52 offenders in attendance expressed how much they learned from the production and their hopes of seeing more productions in the future.

Indiana State Prison (ISP) Superintendent William K. Wilson is pleased to announce the promotions of Tricia Roberts to Unit Team Manager 3, Jonathon Sikorsk to Internal Affairs Officer and the new assignment for Frank Masley, Security Telecom System Director 3. Congratulations to all! We wish them well and look forward to their continued success with ISP.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility Superintendent Linda Commons announced the promotions of Correctional Officers Angel Steele and Jeffery Cox to Correctional Sergeants. Superintendent Commons states, "We have been impressed by the commitment these individuals have shown towards the Department's vision and mission. Staff and students will develop and improve with these individuals in a leadership position."

The Correctional Industrial Facility is proud to announce, with the partnership of Ivy Tech Community College, 10 Building Maintenance and five Business Tech graduates, as well as six offenders who received their GED.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility residents and Community Services Department presented a \$350 check to the Larue Carter Memorial Hospital's Children's Christmas Fund. The check equals half the proceeds earned from a Community Services food sale that was held in December, 2011.

The staff of the Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility answered the call from First Lady Cheri Daniels Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers food drive with outstanding participation. Staff of the facility donated 15 boxes of cereal, 40 pounds of pretzels, 33 bags of popcorn, 37 can goods, 9 boxes of meal helper, 1 case of ketchup as well as several boxes of miscellaneous food items to the Noble County food Pantry. Superintendent Griffin took a tour of the food pantries and was impressed with their operation and pledged our future support through facility donations as well as from our new greenhouse and expanding garden.

Offenders in the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Community Outreach Program are making dog beds for a new ICAN dog and her 11 puppies that will be delivered to IWP today. Staff supervising the offenders say the offenders are looking forward to the challenge of completing the beds before the puppies arrive.

Miami Correctional Facility has promoted Chuck Williams, a veteran staff member of 12 years, to Training Coordinator. Williams began his IDOC career as a Correctional Officer at MCF in January 2000. "I look at training as a customer service occupation," he said. "Our direct customers are the staff, but indirectly we affect the offenders under our supervision and the communities we serve as public employees."

Pendleton Correctional Facility Powerhouse Supervisor 3 Alfred Jones was honored during a retirement ceremony at the facility in recognition of 31 years of service to the State of Indiana. Congratulations Mr. Jones.

Wabash Valley took part in the Helping Hoosiers Food Drive again this year! The combined efforts of staff and offenders resulted in nearly \$600 and 547 food items being divided between God's Pantry in Oaktown and the Lyon's Indiana Community Food Pantry!